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**Re: *In the Matter of the Request for the Removal of Kwame M. Kilpatrick
from the Office of Mayor of the City of Detroit, No. EO-2008-004-LO***

Dear Counsel:

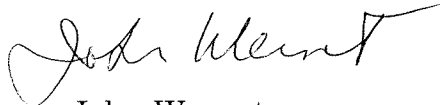
The Governor has asked me to respond to Ms. McPhail's letter to Mr. Kelly Keenan dated August 8, 2008 inquiring about the status of the pending motions and the hearing scheduled for September 3, 2008. Specifically, I have been asked to advise counsel:

1. The Governor has not ruled on the motions filed by the parties on Wednesday, August 6, 2008, but expects to do so promptly once all briefing deadlines have passed.
2. While the Governor is aware that at least some of the issues raised in the motions could obviate the need for a hearing, it is in the public interest to resolve this matter both fairly and promptly. Consequently, the Governor has set a firm hearing date of September 3, 2008. The hearing will commence on that date unless

the Governor's decision on the motions obviates the necessity for that hearing. In the meantime, the parties are instructed to proceed on the assumption that the hearing will take place as scheduled and shall be prepared to commence that hearing on September 3, 2008, as scheduled.

3. The procedural questions raised by Ms. McPhail's letter will be addressed in a formal order the Governor is expected to issue very early next week.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Wernet". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a stylized "W".

John Wernet
Deputy Legal Counsel to the Governor

c: Governor Jennifer M. Granholm
Kelly Keenan